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Subject: National Marine Sanctuary Letter to Governor Kitzhaber

Hi Oregon Leaders,

Attached please find a copy of the letter I sent to Governor Kitzhaber today regarding my interest in a National Marine Sanctuary (NMS) nomination and possible designation off the coast of Port Orford.

The community of Port Orford has been heavily bullied by a few fishermen and outside fishing interests. Citizens of our community are now organizing a push back to engage in a public process so that our community can make an informed decision about a NMS.

As a current city councilor and port commissioner, I make my livelihood by marketing and selling locally harvested seafood. The NMS is an important consideration for our community. I care deeply about our fisheries, habitat and the species that we harvest. A NMS might further aid our efforts to manage and market our sustainable fisheries, attract visitors and provide education and outreach for our community.

Our small community is desperately poor with no change in circumstances in sight. And no work being done on the ground to turn the poverty around.

I would very much appreciate the opportunity to arrange a meeting with you and a contingent of Port Orford citizens who want to discuss this issue with the Governor's office and other elected officials. We can make our schedule entirely open to you -- what works at your end for a meeting time/date/location will work for us.

Respectfully,

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